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A terrible explosion occurred in a mine in the Indian Territory in which three hundred and fifty persons were at work. Nearly one half of whom were fatally injured and a large number seriously wounded.

The Valentine Gazette has become tired of the independent business and has changed hands and is now the Democratic Blade. It is a noticeable fact that a number of the independent papers of this state have either suspended publication or "gone democratic," as they had but a little way to go.

Chili has decided to avoid a whipping at the hands of Uncle Sam and has assumed a very conciliatory manner. There appears to be no occasion for any military move in the matter. If the difference can be adjusted peaceably it will be cause for a good deal of satisfaction and will speak well for the ability of the administration.

The call for a sugar beet convention at Crawford which appears in another column of this issue should have the attention of all. The date fixed for the convention is next Saturday, Jan. 16th, and a good attendance is anticipated. The fact that anyone going from here would be obliged to remain there over Sunday will likely deter some from attending who are interested in the matter.

A small-sized war has been raging for some time in southwestern Kansas and a number have been killed and state troops have been called out to preserve order. It is the outgrowth of a county seat fight. The governor has been asked to call the legislature together in special session for the purpose of disorganizing the counties where the trouble exists, but it is not expected that a special session will be called.

The leading editorial of the last issue of the Rushville Sun is: "This newspaper plant for sale." The same thing is true of a number of superfluous papers in Nebraska and several have quietly shut up shop without trying to unload on some one else, while others have found some aspiring individual to assume the responsibility. There is likely to be quite a thinning out in the list of newspapers in this state within the next few years.

Senator Peffer has introduced a bill to authorize the issuing of treasury notes to the amount of \$100,000,000 to be loaned to the people of Indiana on mortgages on their lands. It was generally supposed from the statements of Peffer, Jerry Simpson and others, that their state, Kansas, was most in need of government loans, but it appears that Peffer wants to try the experiment on the people of some other state.

The educational souvenir of Lincoln, issued by the State Journal is one of the finest things that have come to our office and shows up the educational advantages of that city in good shape and proves that Nebraska now offers as good educational advantages as any state. The schools of Nebraska have reached a stage of perfection which makes it unnecessary for anyone to go outside its borders to seek institutions of learning.

In the matter of sending corn to the starving Russians, the corn was contributed and the railroad agreed to transport it to the seaboard and an effort was made to have congress appropriate the transportation across the ocean. This was defeated by the democrats in the House, Congressman Bryan of the first district of Nebraska making a speech opposing such appropriation, claiming that last year congress had no authority to assist Nebraska. It is believed that the action of the democrats in the matter will tend to weaken that party in Nebraska where there are a great many Russians who have been democrats and who contributed to the corn shipment.

An old negro called upon two physicians on New Year's day at Humboldt, Neb., to come and attend his boy who was sick, but both declined and the boy died. Then the men who dug the grave declined to wait until the time appointed by a minister to hold a service and insisted on burying the body as soon as the grave was dug. It seems almost beyond belief that such acts should occur in a civilized community and the physicians who acted in so heartless a manner should be made to feel that they are not worthy to practice their profession. When a man hangs out his shingle offering his services to fight disease he should not allow color to deter him from lending any aid in his power.

Emperor William, of Germany, has asked the passage of a law to repress drunkenness in that country. The bill gives the police a good deal of authority and allows the entrance of officials into the private life of citizens and opens the way for a herd of informers and blackmailers. The penalties are very severe upon drunkards and keepers of drinking houses.

Adams county is reported to be disgusted with the supervisor system and wants to return to the commissioner system again. It costs the county \$100 for each day's session of the board and other expenses are higher. If the next legislature has the interests of the people at heart it will repeal the township organization law, or amend it so that there will be nothing left of the present law except the title.

The annual accounting and settling up has unearthed a number of cases where those who have been handling the funds of others are short in their accounts. C. N. Paul, who has been treasurer of Adams county for four years, is found to be about \$50,000 behind and he and his deputy have been arrested for embezzlement. Mr. Paul has always been considered a straight, honest man and so large a shortage is a shock to his friends. He has not property enough to make good the amount and the men on his bond will have to make up the deficiency.

The sugar beet committee of Chadron have contracts signed for the raising of over 1,500 acres of sugar beets next season and the work still goes on. The indications are that the necessary contracts for 5,000 acres of beets will be secured and if that is done Chadron will have a factory ready to convert the beets into sugar by the time the crop matures. The farmers of this locality should prepare to co-operate with those near Chadron and help make the matter a success. The location of a sugar factory at Chadron means renewed prosperity to northwest Nebraska and that is what our farmers want. Of course, a factory at Harrison would be better, but if that cannot be secured, one at Chadron would make a market within reach of our farmers as a low rate would without doubt be made by the F. E. & M. V. for the transportation of the beets to the factory.

Sound Sense.

Now that the campaign is over, it behooves every farmer and citizen to turn to the rate question as it is in this state, and study it out and know something about it, so that the voter at next fall's election may have a more clear and just conception of the facts and the justice in the case than can be had by simply listening to ambitious office seekers who present only one side of the case. The board of transportation has made a statement of the question in Nebraska that is worthy a careful reading by every man who wants to be fair to the railroads as well as to the people. Orators and ambitious office seekers have presented the anti-railroad side of the question industriously for years. The state board in their recent report on rates have presented their view of the case, and the people who want to know the truth, ought to read this report carefully, so that they may judge the matter fairly and justly. The independent party in this state never can hope to command the respect of thinking men, and honest men, so long as they refuse to read both sides of every public issue. We do not say that present rates in Nebraska should remain unchanged, and that the report of the secretaries is an infallible statement of the case, but we do say that there has been too much demagoguery practiced on this question and too much one-sidedness in the discussion of the issue. Therefore we recommend that every farmer procure a copy of the report and read it from an honest and unprejudiced standpoint. It is certainly the fullest and plainest statement ever made to the people, and the officials who made it ought to have credit for having given a reason for their actions.—Hamilton County Independent.

The above is the most sensible suggestion ever made by the independent press of this state. If there has been one thing more than another that has damned the new party in the esteem of the thinking people, it is that jealousy with which the leaders have attempted to prevent their followers from reading both sides. It will stand to the eternal disgrace of these leaders that they not only advised and commanded their followers from reading the other side, but they actually boasted of their power in this respect. "It don't make any difference what you fellows say or what you print, or whether it is true or not, our fellows won't read it, and they won't believe it if they do read it", was a remark common among the leaders of the independent party. God pity a political party whose proudest boast is that its followers will not read or listen to argument. But the scene is changing. They do read both sides now, and they begin to see. Every farmer who reads the report above referred to, will see the transportation question in a new and clearer light than he ever saw it before.—Extract from the Crete, Neb., Vidette, Dec. 23, 1891.

It seems to weary the Democrats because Biaine will not get re-elected.

No decision yet in the Thayer-Boyd case. The leak has not yet been discovered.

John M. Thurston scored another triumph as an orator at the annual banquet of the Hamilton club, of Chicago on the evening of the 11th inst. When it comes to eloquence the silvery-tongued orator of Omaha is the peer of any man in the United States and Nebraska may well be proud of him.

Congressman Owen Scott, of Illinois, will introduce a bill in a few days to prohibit the postoffice department from printing envelopes and entering into business competition with private parties. Congressman Scott is an old newspaper man and knows how it is himself and he will endeavor himself to the printing fraternity all over the nation by his action.

Nebraska may well blush for the action of the three men who were sent to congress to represent the state in the matter of sending corn to starving Russia. All of them voted against the government transporting the grain across the ocean, after the people of their state had contributed the corn and the railroads had agreed to take it to the seaboard without expense.

Walt Mason has gone to Blair to be treated for the liquor habit. Mr. Mason is one of the most gifted writers ever engaged in newspaper work in Nebraska, but whisky has got the better of him and his many friends and admirers all over the state will be glad to learn of his becoming free from the appetite for drink. With a clear head he will be able to write as he has never written before, and will rise higher in his profession than would have been possible had he continued in his old habits.

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